

under four, 84 from four to five, 98 from five to six, 87 from six to seven, 1,518 from seven to fourteen, 330 from fourteen to sixteen, and 1,215 over sixteen and under twenty-one.

"Within the boundaries of the restricted district in this district there are 433 children, from babies in arms to twenty-one years of age. Of these, 154 live on the boundaries.

"The children living within these boundaries are in close proximity to houses of prostitution and disorderly saloons.

"The Commission has a record of a prostitute on Randolph street soliciting two boys in knee pants to enter, and offering as an inducement, "two for a quarter."

"One day a man was solicited by a prostitute standing on the porch of her home in one of the restricted districts while a number of young boys were playing in the street in front of this house.

"The following history of a tenement family near the 22nd street district is a case in point:

"A skilled mechanic had a wife and four children (one boy and three girls). The children were well cared for and went to Sunday school as long as the mother lived. The father drank some, but seemed to take good care of his family, and his wages were frequently as high as \$4.50 a day. When the oldest girl was eleven the mother died. The father continued to care for his family, and, while he drank, it did not seem to be a case where the courts should take the children away from him. The boy was killed while playing in the street. The girls took care of the house, but the denizens of the restricted district made the acquaintance of the children as they went to neighborhood stores or when they were on the street. As fast as each little girl was old enough she was enticed into the vice district, and in time all became public prostitutes."

Unless politicians and the police adopt entirely different methods than those which have been employed by all past administrations, there is little relief to be hoped for in that direction.

And the public is not blameless, either. Had the people known—had there been at any time an aroused public conscience, the city government would have been compelled to heed a popular demand.

If the people in any school district were to get together in a school house, and determine that evil conditions be changed, they would be changed. It wouldn't make any difference who happened to be mayor.

The power to do what they think ought to be done rests in the people—when they know what they want, and go after it, they get it.

Any school district in Chicago can be, and will be cleaned up, when the school house in that district becomes a real Social Center, and parents meet there and express their will.